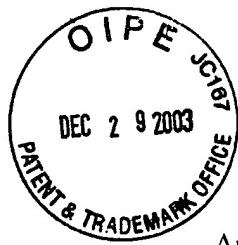


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**CORRESPONDENCE REGARDING STATUS OF APPLICATION –  
RESUBMISSION OF RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MAY 7, 2003**

Per Examiner Philip Tucker's instructions, Applicants are providing the following correspondence in response to the Examiner's inquiry as to the status of the application. Specifically, the Examiner contacted Applicants to determine whether the case was to be abandoned, in light of the fact that a response to the Office Action dated May 7, 2003 has not been received. At that time, Applicants indicated that they did not intend to abandon the application and that a complete and appropriate response (attached hereto as Exhibit A) was filed by facsimile on July 30, 2003. Applicants attach hereto as Exhibit B a copy of the "Fax Transmittal Cover Page" showing that the response was filed on July 30, 2003.

Should the Examiner require any further information regarding this application, please contact Applicants' attorney.

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